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MAYOR CALLS RUBBISH MEETING

A Penny for your Thoughts

Feeling that the building of a new YMCA in Torrance suggested an interesting question the HERALD photographer asked five people active with the "Y" "If a new YMCA is built in Torrance where do you think it should be located and what facilities should be included?"

John Hornback, member of the Vultures, Gra-Y:
"I think the 'Y' should be located in Civic Center. That seems like a good place to me. I would like to have a football field and a track outdoors. Inside a pool and badminton courts."

Richard Broos, "Y" Camper:
"I'd pick the Civic Center for the location of a new 'Y' as that is where the town is moving—out west. I would like to see them put in a nice gym and workout room with tennis courts outdoors."

Dal Moor, Leaders Club:
"I think any location the city selects will be a good one for a new YMCA. I would like to see more club rooms built with more physical facilities. Game rooms, space for ping pong and areas for weight lifting and gymnastics would be nice."

Alpha Renz, Tri-Hi-Y advisor:
"I would like to see a new 'Y' built and preferably in the west, or central, part of greater Torrance. I would like to see the building large enough to accommodate all of the related agencies with an indoor pool."

Douglas Hoffman, Leaders Club:
"I think a location in the center of the Torrance area would be practical. I would like to see the 'Y' have their own quarters, but let other groups share the building and facilities. A gym, pool tables, and swimming pool would be a great asset to them all."

Chamber Lauds Speed on Signal
Commendation to the city council for its "quick and unified action" in solving the Hawthorne-Carson traffic problem was voiced this week by J. H. Paget, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.
"Certainly because of your prompt action the possibility of fatal accidents at this intersection have been alleviated," Paget said.

Board Denies 30-Day Delay

An election on the petition of water users now served by Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 2 for annexation to the County Water District No. 13 was scheduled for Jan. 5 by the County Board of Supervisors Thursday following a short formal hearing on the petition.

The election, approved on the motion of Supervisor Burton W. Chace who represents this area on the board, was opposed at the hearing by City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer, who asked the board for a continuance to permit the city to complete negotiations for purchase of the antiquated system which have been under way for several months.

SUPPORTING THE election petitions was Mrs. Don P. Myers, president of the Lomita Property Owners and Registered Voters.

Mrs. Myers told the supervisors that the city's interest in the water system was a wedge in their efforts to "take over Lomita."

Also speaking before the supervisors on the petition was L. W. Hazelbaker, who told members of the city council here earlier that he had taken the lead in petitioning for the annexation.

INCLUSION OF the area within the city of Torrance to the annexation would not benefit the people living in that area, Remelmeyer said.

He pointed out that mains serving the area in Torrance are in good condition and that the city could service that area adequately by tying the main system into Torrance feeder lines which are adjacent to the system.
"Those residents living within the city of Torrance will be asked to pay for bonds and interest on a system which does not benefit them," Remelmeyer said.

A SPOKESMAN for the county engineer's office said the cost of the annexation had been estimated at \$600,000. On his recommendation, the supervisors limited the interest rate on the proposed bonds at 6½ per cent. He indicated that it could go as high as 10 per cent on the 35-year bonds.

Torrance's estimate for operating the entire system had earlier been placed at nearly \$150,000 less, which would include \$167,000 for purchase of the system, and \$300,000 for the complete rehabilitation program.

The city council has authorized condemnation of that portion of the system in Torrance.



OMAHA, PLEASE NOTE . . . While residents of Omaha (as well as scores of other midwestern cities) were shovelling out from under the season's first snow and freezing weather yesterday, Beverly Anderson, 15-year-old Torrance High School sophomore, paused in the park surrounding the YWCA to soak up some of Torrance's warm sunshine. Temperatures at the time were in the high 80s. (Herald Photo)

Makes Land Offer City Renews Bid For Local Court

Reactivation of a committee to seek establishment of a superior court here was authorized this week on the recom-

mendation of Mayor Albert Isen, who won approval at the same time of an offer to make city land on the civic center site available to the county should the court be established in Torrance.

The city's move followed on the heels of action by the South Bay Bar Assn. in making demands that the Superior Court serving this area be located nearer the geographical and population center of the district. It is now located in Inglewood on the northern perimeter of the area it serves.

PRESIDENT Boris S. Woolley of the association, who also serves as chairman of the Torrance committee, said his group would demand that the County Board of Supervisors relocate the court to a site which will better serve the people.

"We may have to go to the people with our problem if the board fails to grant our request," Woolley said.

THE COURT serves a population of nearly 800,000, Woolley said, most of them living in the Torrance-beach cities area.

"And why Palos Verdes and the peninsula area was put in the Long Beach district, we may never know," he said. Palos Verdes Estates police are now forced to take all court cases to Long Beach, according to Chief Jack Smith.

Plans to present the demands to the board of supervisors are being prepared by the lawyers' committee.

Fire Threatens Palos Verdes Area

A brush fire, probably started by a carelessly thrown match, roared up a canyon in Palos Verdes Estates for an hour late Friday night before firemen and volunteers could control the blaze.

The fire started in the vicinity of Via Vicalia near Via Nogales and swept up the canyon to the vicinity of Palos Verdes Drive West before it was controlled.

Reporter Grabs Camera, Gets His 'Bear' Story

By BOB WILTON
Herald Staff Writer

Things were routine at the Torrance Herald Saturday morning—a typical press day. Negatives were being sized by the editor, then printed so they could be engraved on the Fairchild Scan-A-Graver.

The phone rang, the switchboard girl made the connection and a voice said, "There's a bear in the fields near Nativity school!"

"A bear? Wait right there and we'll be right down. Not by the bear. By the school."

We rolled and saw a boy standing on the curb in front

of the school. He was Arthur Felix, 11, a Torrance Herald carrier boy on route 40.

ARE YOU SURE it's a bear? we asked through the car window.

"Yes, I saw it," Arthur replied, pointing toward the vacant fields across the street.

"Get in and we'll drive over there. He directed us South on Oak St. and said to stop when we reached the front of Barrett Little League baseball field.

WITH CAMERA in hand we followed he led through the

high weeds east for about 300 yards. Then when Arthur stopped and pointed ahead we moved out in front of him wishing we had something more lethal than a Speed Graphic to shoot with.

There in the deserted, weed-covered area among the litter that gathers in vacant fields was a steel drum lying on its side. Half in and half out of there. He directed us South on Oak St. and said to stop when we reached the front of Barrett Little League baseball field.

MAYBE WE should call the police," we suggested to Arthur.

"Naw," he replied, "He's dead."

That was good news for this newsman, but we had to be sure. So picking up a long bar of steel we gave "bruin" a nudge with the far end. He didn't move and it was then that we noticed he was not only dead, but in pretty bad shape. Just then the wind shifted and we were sure this bear lived no more.

YOUR HERALD photos couldn't see this animal's head and not wanting to disturb the dead, didn't investigate further—just took a picture with Arthur peering down at the remains.

We are not well enough acquainted with wild animals to tell a bear from a burro, especially in the decomposed state of this critter. I may have been a large dog, but it could have been a bear out there in those tall weeds.

We brought back a bear story, even if we couldn't prove it by the picture.

One thing sure there is never a dull moment in the newspaper business.



YOUNG DAN'L ROONE . . . Arthur Felix, HERALD carrier boy, called in a story about a bear in a field off Oak St. The bear, if it was a bear, was dead when photographer got there. Arthur peers down at what remains of the mystery animal.

Protests May Force Change In Operation

A special meeting of the city council to discuss the mounting problems of trash and rubbish collection has been called by Mayor Albert Isen for 5:30 p.m. Monday in the city council chambers.

Target of several groups in the city recently, including apartment house operators and leading industrial firms, the rubbish collection and disposal system, now operated by the city, has been a source of concern to the council for many months.

A special meeting of the industrial committee of the Chamber of Commerce has been called for Thursday afternoon to crystallize industry's opposition to the present system.

AMONG THE problems faced by the city in rubbish collection and disposal include the short life of remaining dump sites, cost of possible other sites, costs and restrictions on the county dump, salvage operations, and the financial picture.

Costwise, some of the loss now experienced by the city is in permitting private collectors to service apartments, business, and industries, it was indicated at a recent staff meeting of city officials.

KEY TO THE current opposition is an enforcement of the "no exception" policy set up in the refuse collection ordinance.

Under the terms of the ordinance, all property owners pay at least a minimum collection fee to the city whether they use the service or have their refuse collected by private concerns.

Industries claim that the city can not now offer any service in rubbish disposal because of the huge quantities, varied types of rubbish, and limited dumping facilities; and they say payment of the minimum fee constitutes a tax for which industries obtain no benefit.

ON THE OTHER hand, city officials say if the fees were not charged, the losses incurred in the operation would be reflected in the city's general tax rate.

"We are going to have to come up with some acceptable method of collecting and disposing of our mountains of rubbish," Mayor Albert Isen told the HERALD yesterday.

"I think we might have to limit the application of our ordinance to single family residence," he added.

Torrance now has 15 licensed private collectors operating in the city.

Holiday Moves Schedules for Rubbish Pickup

A change in the trash pickup for this week beginning Wednesday was announced yesterday by Wade Peebles, director of public works.

Because city employees will observe Veteran's Day Wednesday, pickups scheduled for that day will be moved to Thursday. Scheduled pickups for Thursday and Friday will be put back one day to Friday and Saturday.

A similar schedule will be in effect Thanksgiving week, Peebles said, when trash normally set out on Thursday, Nov. 26, will be picked up Friday and the Friday schedule will be followed Saturday.

On Birthday Six-Year Old Hit By Auto

Seriously injured here Thursday evening when she was struck by a car near her home was a Waleria kindergarten student who was celebrating her sixth birthday.

Dawn Matthews, 3433 Crickwood St., was rushed to Harbor General Hospital where her condition was described as critical following the accident. She apparently darted in front of an auto driven by Lawrence Rickard, 41, of 24233 Madison St. Rickard was not held by police.

The Matthews girl suffered severe facial lacerations and possible internal injuries.

Also injured Thursday evening in a traffic crash was Ralph R. Jimenez, 23, of 1056 W. 258th St., whose auto went out of control and rolled over several times on Crenshaw Blvd. south of Sepulveda.

Jimenez was taken to Harbor General Hospital.

City Gets Writ on Annex Bid

The City of Gardena has been ordered to appear before Superior Court Judge Ellsworth Meyer on Nov. 27 to show cause why they should not rescind their action to annex a section of land east of El Camino College.

The order was contained in an alternative writ of mandate issued Thursday by Judge Meyer on a petition filed by Torrance.

The action by Torrance was taken to determine legal priorities on annexation of the area, which is part of a larger section filed for annexation by Torrance earlier this year.

Torrance's earlier attempt was held in abeyance when the section was included in an incorporation boundary filed by Lawndale. When it was removed, Gardena filed boundary descriptions and a notice of intent to annex.

Barber Shop Singers Plan Tuesday Exhibit

An organization meeting for the Torrance Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America (SPEBSQSA) has been scheduled for 8 p.m. Tuesday in the auditorium of the Jefferson Elementary School, just west of Hawthorne Ave. at Carson and Talisman.

"All congenial males who wish to hear or participate in this harmony should plan to attend this meeting," Lloyd Hill, leader in the organization efforts, said yesterday.

THE SPEBSQSA which comprises some 26,000 members in more than 600 chapters in the nation, has only one goal; harmonious singing.

On the agenda Tuesday are performances of a neighboring chorus, demonstrations from several talented quartets, and a little community singing to get the visitors "in the mood."

Women are being invited to attend Tuesday's meeting to see what keeps the Barber Shopper busy during those evenings the group's together, Hill said.

PRELIMINARY meetings have been held during recent weeks by a group of men living and working in the Torrance area who are seeking to establish the Torrance chapter.

For the technically minded singer, barber shop harmony is described as "a chromatic, four-part, vocal harmony dictated and measured by the true diatonic scale rather than the 'tempered' scale," Hill reports.

THE NOTE intervals of the "pure" scale are fixed absolutely by the physical laws of harmonic sound.

Although the group places its first emphasis on four-part quartet singing, the development of choruses within the chapters has grown in popularity in recent years. A chorus gives all members a chance to join a singing group.

Barbershoppers have no political, religious, or social axes to grind, Hill emphasized. The program is simple: to preserve and encourage the four-part harmony style of singing, and "to sing in harmony with their fellow men."